

and municipal entities, can provide affordable, healthy food, including fresh produce and staples like milk, bread, and meat. It will also ensure that USDA professionals are available to provide technical assistance to recipients who need it.

Access to healthy food is something that most of us take for granted. But despite our own experiences, we need to remember that millions of our constituents are struggling every day to feed their families. With this market-driven approach, I hope to complement existing Federal programs and efforts around the country by ensuring a stable lending stream for struggling grocery stores and sustainable access to food for communities in need.

Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in supporting this important bill.

#### HONORING JUI CHITRE

### HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 10, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Jui Chitre, my intern who has worked tirelessly serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Jui has proven to be a talented and efficient young woman, always ready to learn something new.

Jui has assisted my office in multiple areas, including communications, appropriations, and constituent engagement. She is an achiever and has shown professionalism in every aspect of her work.

Daughter of Abhay and Sucharita Chitre, Jui is from Virginia. She is a graduate of Virginia Tech, where she earned her bachelor's degree in International Relations with two minors in History and German. At Virginia Tech, she was a member and group leader of Teach for Jamie and the International Relations Organization. During her time in these organizations, she taught German to elementary students and fostered her research abilities.

After her internship in my office, Jui plans to continue working on Capitol Hill, where she intends to use her diverse skills to find solutions to domestic and foreign conflicts.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jui for her present and inevitable success.

#### HONORING STEVE MANOR, BELOVED EDUCATOR AND PUBLIC SERVANT

### HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 10, 2022*

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a local legend, Mr. Steve Manor of Howell, Michigan. For more than 50 years, Steve has served the community as an educator, a city councilmember, an advocate, and a visionary. Universally beloved, Manor is the rare figure who bridges all divides: political, social, and generational. As he comes to the end of his earthly journey, his faithful dedication to Howell has ensured that his imprint

will forever rest on the city. It is, likewise, my privilege to ensure that the life of this history teacher is permanently enshrined in the history of this Nation.

More than five decades of history have passed since a young Steve Manor first walked through the doors of Howell's Michigan Avenue School in 1966. He later taught at Highlander Way Middle School and then Howell High School, retiring in 1998 after 32 years in the classroom.

From public education he turned to public service, to winning a seat on Howell City Council in 1999. Over the next 23 years he served in a variety of roles, including mayor pro tem, chair of the Howell Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and as Howell's delegate to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. Through it all, he conducted himself exactly how a non-partisan elected official should: always looking beyond politics to the city's best interests.

Manor advocated for much-needed investments in infrastructure, worked with developers to make the city more business-friendly, helped revitalize an old alleyway into a picturesque shopping district, and worked with a local company to turn an unused patch of land into a whimsical children's playscape. And somehow he found time to volunteer with dozens of local organizations and causes, including Howell Rotary, Howell Main Street, and the Countryside Veterinary Dog Park.

But as much as he loved the city, Steve was the first to recognize its flaws, and also the first to roll up his sleeves to make improvements. Manor helped start the Howell High School Diversity Club in 1987 in response to a cross burning in the city, and served on the Livingston County Diversity Council for many years; he was deeply committed to helping the city work to rid itself from intolerance and bigotry.

Steve has bravely battled cancer for the past five years, and a servant to the very end, still attended City Council meetings even after requiring home hospice care. He recently stepped down from his beloved council seat, leaving a void no election or appointment can ever fill.

Manor once said that Howell is a special place, because unlike some surrounding communities, it has "a core." That core—a vibrant downtown, healthy neighborhoods, a thriving community—didn't just happen, it happened because Steve Manor worked to make it so. I submit that Steve Manor IS the core of Howell: a rock solid core of selfless service, cultivating seeds of integrity, and bearing fruit for generations to come.

I therefore enter his life of principled leadership into the official record of the United States House of Representatives. It's an example we would all do well to study and commit to memory: the enduring final lesson plan of Steve Manor, beloved teacher.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE DAN FLYNN

### HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 10, 2022*

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and service of Daniel

Archie Flynn of Van, Texas. Mr. Flynn is survived by his wife Susan, his son Josh, his daughters Tammy and Missy, along with many more grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mr. Flynn's lengthy public service career began as a soldier in the 36th Infantry Division of the Texas Army National Guard during the Vietnam War. In 2005, he joined the Texas State Guard and eventually obtained the rank of Brigadier General, where he later retired.

As a State Representative, first elected in 2002, Mr. Flynn served for nine consecutive terms until 2020. During his tenure, he built an impressive portfolio of legislative achievements, including expanding transparency in State government, strengthening border security, and modernizing the Texas Military Forces. Moreover, Representative Flynn helped secure funding for a new music hall and planetarium at the Texas A&M University at Commerce and procured the property for the Van Zandt County Veterans Memorial site in Canton, Texas. Representative Flynn's work as the Deputy Banking Commissioner of Texas reformed banking code statewide and established him as a leader in the banking industry.

A lifelong worshipper of the Church of the Nazarene, Representative Flynn was instrumental in the construction of several new churches. He served on the Dallas District Advisory Board for over 20 years and was also an active member of the Van Kiwanis and Canton Lion's Club. Likewise, Representative Flynn founded the Van Zandt County Council of Communities.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Representative Dan Flynn's extensive contributions to District 2 and the great people of Texas. Representative Flynn will be dearly missed by his friends, family, and colleagues.

#### HONORING EDWIDGE LABBE

### HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 10, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Edwidge Labbe, my intern who has completed her Summer 2022 semester serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Edwidge has proven to be a very articulate young woman and shows great promise for her future endeavors.

Edwidge has assisted my office in various areas, such as education policy, constituent outreach, and research. She has demonstrated her ability to adapt and ask questions. Edwidge has presented excellent drive and a continuous willingness to learn.

The daughter of Jeanphillipe and Martine Labbe, Edwidge was raised in Delray, Florida. A proud Gator, she is enrolled in the University of Florida where she studies at the College of Liberal Arts. She also volunteers at Lake Forest Elementary in hopes of closing the opportunity gap amongst Black and brown children.

Upon transitioning from her internship, Edwidge will return to school to complete her final semester. She will continue to nurture her knowledge and use her experience and developing expertise to bridge the gap between experiential learning and professional development.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Edwidge Labbe for her present and future accomplishments.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF  
NATIVE AMERICAN CONNECTIONS

**HON. RUBEN GALLEGO**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. GALLEGO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Native American Connections, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Founded in 1972, what once was a small grassroots organization that focused on Native American men and substance abuse has blossomed into an operation of 21 sites throughout Phoenix. What once was just a focus on substance abuse, Native American Connections expanded its reach to affordable housing, health, homelessness, Native American healing and many other projects that affect over 10,000 individuals and families each year. Native American Connections especially takes pride in their community development resources and projects that strengthen the Native American Community and helps celebrate the rich cultural history that is so essential to America today.

Through the organization's core values of empowerment, integrity, stewardship, spirituality, and others, Native American Connections has been able to positively affect the lives of countless people and families for 50 years. Their mission of "Improving the lives of individuals and families through Native American culturally appropriate health, affordable housing, and community development services," has not only been accomplished but continues to do so.

I would like to again congratulate Native American Connections on a remarkable 50 years and look forward to seeing how you change the world next.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED WAY OF  
TARRANT COUNTY

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the United Way of Tarrant County as it celebrates its 100th anniversary. In 1922, the Fort Worth Community Chest was created when a group of local leaders came together to merge the fundraising efforts from a variety of different charity organizations. These community leaders recognized that working together, united-as-one, was a superior strategy as opposed to competing against each other for charitable resources. This early non-profit organization was the forerunner of today's United Way of Tarrant County.

From its inception, the new organization focused on key initiatives to not only identify problems faced by Tarrant County residents, but to also address the reasons the problems exist in the first place. They have forged cru-

cial partnerships with key community stakeholders. Engaging local governments, fellow non-profits, corporations, and small businesses to collectively combat county-wide challenges pertaining to education, financial stability, and community health. Continuing its growth and assistance to communities, the organization hit a major milestone in 1973, when it became officially known as the "United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County".

The United Way of Tarrant County continues to empower residents, donors, volunteers, businesses, and other groups who provide crucial support to enable the organization to fulfill its mission to improve the overall quality of life for those in need. Through building trust and relationships with the community, the United Way has always encouraged residents to unite together in order to further worthwhile change and build stronger communities.

I would like to express my admiration and well wishes as this worthwhile humanitarian organization celebrates its centennial. The United Way of Tarrant County is holding its celebratory "Get United Day" event on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas in honor of the 100th anniversary of its founding. The United Way has had a tremendously positive impact on the well-being of Tarrant County's citizens and will undoubtedly do so for decades to come.

AWARDING 1ST CLASS PETTY OFFICER JOHN EDWARD PAGE A  
CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored to present 1st Class Petty Officer John Edward Page, U.S. Navy with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and sacrifice through the Navy exemplify his national pride and embodiment as a role-model citizen to serve the country he loves. This is a very humble gentleman who is committed to being good to others and honoring his sacred Nation.

During his 10 years of military service in the Navy, 1st Class Petty Officer Page served by operating sonar radar missiles on Naval ships that have contributed to victories on the battlefield and had received many service accommodation awards while in Vietnam. After proudly serving the Navy and defending our Nation, 1st Class Petty Officer Page has been incredibly active in his community and has participated in prominent positions since his exit. This includes his time given to not just work at Texas Instruments in Sherman, Texas, but to come out of retirement to help set up divisions of the company all over the world.

His passion for his community also shines as he will operate on, and repair vehicles for people free of charge, or help those in need through his small property rental business. First Class Petty Officer Page has been more than helpful, he has been life changing for a lot of people in his community and throughout his service.

I am beyond honored to have 1st Class Petty Officer Page in Texas' 4th Congressional District and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his sacrifices.

HONORING U.S. AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT COLONEL OLGA E. CUSTODIO

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Olga E. Custodio for her service to our country and the San Antonio community. Lt. Col. Custodio graciously served on my 2018 Military Service Academy Nomination Board and played an essential role in helping local students begin their military careers.

Lt. Col. Custodio knew the path to her dream would not be easy. While studying at the University of Puerto Rico, she was denied the opportunity to participate in the university's Reserve Officer Training Corps program because women were not allowed at that time.

Never giving up hope, she went on to fulfill her dream of becoming a commissioned military officer—and more.

As the first Latina to complete U.S. Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training, she graduated in the top five percent of her class (of 48) with a fighter qualification to fly the T-38 as an instructor pilot. Lt. Col. Custodio points to three principles that have helped her become successful in a profession dominated by men: overcoming self-doubt, staying open to possibilities, and seeing herself as an equal.

A female military aviation pioneer, she served for 24 years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. She received an Aviation Safety Award for superior airmanship for her handling of an engine failure in-flight emergency.

After transitioning to the U.S. Air Force Reserve, Lt. Col. Custodio became the first Latina commercial airline pilot for American Airlines and was later upgraded to captain. In addition to the T-38T, she flew the T-41, B-727, F-100, B-757, and B-767. She owns a Cessna T210L and has also flown several general aviation aircraft including the Stearman biplane, Cessna-172, Beechcraft-35 V-tail, Cirrus Vision Jet, and a few others.

Today, Lt. Col. Custodio is retired with over 11,000 flight hours to her name. Now a speaker and community leader, she serves on the board of several nonprofit organizations, including the Latino Pilots Association, Order of Daedalians, Dee Howard Foundation, and Women in Aviation Alamo City, which advocate for inspiring and empowering students, especially those from underserved communities, to pursue careers in aviation and aerospace.

Since 2018, Lt. Col. Custodio has supported the Experimental Aviation Association (EAA) and has moderated several all-female aviation panels during AirVenture at Oshkosh, WI. As a STEM advocate, she also volunteers her time as a speaker and role model at local schools, universities, corporations, and military base groups, encouraging young women and men to reach for their dreams.

Lt. Col. Custodio is a mentor with the Women in Aviation International, Aviation Explorers, and the School of Aeronautics of the InterAmerican University in Puerto Rico. In 2017, she was inducted into the San Antonio Aviation and Aerospace Hall of Fame.

Lt. Col. Custodio recently co-authored the "Latinas in Aviation" anthology and is included